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Applicant : Bruce M. Boman                      Group: 1600  
Serial No.: 09/480,389                      Group Art Unit: 1642  
Filed : January 11, 2000                      Examiner: A. Holleran  
For : Immunoassays to Detect Disease  
or Disease Susceptibility Traits

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on July 16, 2002. Please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.